TEACHERS TO FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA

One hundred and seventy-seven Canadian teachers attended study sessions recently at the Notre-Dame de Foy Normal School at Cap-Rouge, near Quebec. The purpose of the course was to prepare them for missions they will undertake at the beginning of the next school-year to 16 French-speaking countries in Africa, as well as Madagascar; two of the teachers will go to Laos. Of this number, 120 teachers and 26 teaching missionaries come from Quebec, 20 from Ontario, three from New Brunswick, three from Alberta two from British Columbia, one from Nova Scotia and one from Saskatchewan.

This year the study sessions were organized jointly by the Department of Education of Quebec and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). In addition, the Quebec Department of Education's External Co-operation Branch assumed responsibility for the selection of the French-speaking and English-speaking candidates. A member of CIDA took part in meetings of the selection group.

Under this program 378 successful candidates will teach in 17 French-speaking countries in 1969-70, compared to seven in 1960.

CANADA AT FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR

Canada will participate for the eighth consecutive year in the Frankfurt International Book Fair from October 8 to 13 in West Germany.

The collective Canadian exhibit will include 44 publishers who are members of the Association des Editeurs Canadiens and of the Société des Editeurs de manuels scolaires du Québec, as well as members of the Canadian Book Publishers' Council of Toronto, and will present 960 titles. The two French-language associations will present 575 titles and the English language group will present 250. In addition, the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, will present 135 titles published in both English and French.

The annual exhibition of works published by Canadian publishers is organized under the patronage of the Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of External Affairs in co-operation with the Canada Council, the printing and publishing departments of the Canadian Government and the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission (Department of Public Works), which constructed the stand for the fourth consecutive year.

FIRST SEASON FOR ARTS CENTRE

The National Arts Centre Orchestra, Le Théâtre du Capricorne, the two resident companies of the Centre and the Stratford National Theatre of Canada will make their first appearances within the next four weeks at the opening of the first full season of performances at the new National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

The Orchestra, under its permanent conductor Mario Bernardi, performed its first concert in the Opera House on October 7. Le Théâtre du Capricorne began the first of ten series with Durrenmatt's La Visite de la vieille dame in the Theatre on September 30, which will continue until October 11.

The Stratford National Theatre of Canada, which, for the first time will make its winter home in Ottawa begins its first autumn and winter series with *Hamlet*, and Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist*, both of which were highly successful this summer at Stratford, Ontario. Kenneth Welsh will star as Hamlet, with Leo Ciceri as Claudius and Angela Wood as Gertrude. William Hutt plays Sir Epicure Mammon in the Jonson comedy, with Powys Thomas as Subtle and Bernard Behrens as Face.

Le Théâtre du Capricorne, under its artistic Director Jean-Guy Sabourin, will present ten series of four productions. Besides the Durrenmatt play, the company will produce Molière's "Les Fourberies de Scapin", an original work by the Canadian film director and author Pierre Perrault, and a recital by composer Jean-Pierre Ferland, winner of the Grand Prix of the Charles Cros Academy.

Sets for Le Théâtre du Capricorne are by Mousseau, costumes are designed by Solange Legendre and original music for the productions has been composed by Jean-Marie Cloutier. The 24-member company includes such well-known Canadians as Monique Lepage, Jacques Galipeau and François Guiller.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

As of July 1, Canada's population was estimated at 21,089,000, an increase of 317,000, or 1.5 per cent, since July 1, 1968. Increases were registered of 331,000 between July 1, 1967, and July 1, 1968, and of 391,000 between July 1, 1966, and July 1, 1967. The smaller increase in the 12 months ending July 1, 1969, compared to that for the year ending July 1, 1968, is almost entirely due to the arrival of fewer immigrants.

Provincial increases in the 12 months ending July 1, 1969, were led by Ontario, with 146,000, or 2.0 per cent. British Columbia gained 62,000, or 3.1 per cent; Quebec gained 56,000, or 0.9 per cent; Alberta gained 34,000, or 2.2 per cent; Manitoba gained 8,000, or 0.8 per cent; Newfoundland gained 6,000, or 1.2 per cent; Nova Scotia gained 4,000, or 0.5 per cent and New Brunswick gained 1,000, or 0.2 per cent. Prince Edward Island was unchanged, and Saskatchewan lost 2,000, or 0.2 per cent.

The starting-point of these estimates is the population count of the census of June 1, 1966. To the provincial counts are added births and immigrants; deaths and estimated emigrants are subtracted, and an allowance is made for interprovincial migration. These estimates are subject to revision after the 1971 census of Canada.